

Custodian At El Camino College Turns Inventor

Concrete proof that students and professors are not the only people on campus privileged to do some heavy thinking was recently supplied by Jim Gray, El Camino college custodian and the inventor of an adapter for use on floor polishing machines.

Patented in both the United States and Canada, the Gray adapter, as it is named, has enjoyed an enthusiastic reception since its introduction, reports showed.

This success is attributed to the adapter's versatility in allowing a custodian to use a 20-inch brush.

Comparatively inexpensive, the device has proved to be efficient in floor stripping, waxing and polishing.

It was first used on the floors of El Camino's Social Science building. Prior to use of the adapter, each room in the building required a steel wool stripping pad to be used on each floor. Using the Gray adapter, one steel wool pad now prepares seven rooms for waxing.

Further example of the adapter's advantages was given when custodians tried it on the floors in the library. Normally it would require two men working eight hours to strip, wax, and polish the entire floor.

Today, one custodian accomplishes the task in eight hours. "The Gray adapter has cut costs

to the college for floor waxings by at least one-third," stated Malcolm McIver, of the maintenance department.

A few sets are currently being used by El Camino and a few concerns in Southern California. As yet, supply cannot meet the demand, but Gray asserts that in the near future, the college will have all the adapter sets needed to maintain the floors of El Camino's ultra-modern buildings.

The inventor-custodian firmly believes that all attained ends are products of collective interest and contribution by many individuals. His fellow workers, supervisors, and El Camino students all contributed to making the adapter a successful reality.

He is also inclined to give some credit to the intangible element of education and learning that hangs over the campus and perhaps rubbed off on him.

"It was only my idea," says Gray, "Men like Ray Noel, head of the maintenance department, are the ones who convinced me to have it patented and put into production."



They Help the Doctors

Newly elected officers of the Harbor Chapter of Medical Assistants are: (l-r) Jean Davis, recording secretary; Villa Burpee, vice-president; Marion Crain, president; and Betty Vogel, treasurer.

Slo-Pitch Changes Approved

Blue Streak and Service club slo-pitch softball league's team managers, meeting in the Recreation office last Thursday evening, approved several rule changes which will be in effect during the approaching season of play, opening of which has tentatively been set for May 15.

Probably the most drastic change according to Elmer "Red" Moon, co-ordinator of the leagues, is the eligibility rule.

No players, except regular team players, properly registered, will be allowed to play (no fill in players allowed). A team may play with seven of their regular players without a forfeit.

No player will be eligible who is playing on any other team in the Torrance Recreation Department program.

Players to be added to a team's roster, after the first game, must have their registration card on file in the Recreation Sports office at least 24 hours prior to game time of their first game. Players may be added up to and including a team's eleventh game.

To be eligible for city championship playoffs a player must have played a total of at least four games during the regular schedule of league play.

Certain teams, as per schedules, playing in second games will get the game ball for practice purposes.

Each team will receive three such balls during the season's play. Fire Dept. "A" and Fire Dept. "B" Battalions will enjoy a full schedule of games this year, due to being placed in separate leagues.

Practice periods may be reserved by contacting the Recreation office at FA. 8-4108. Next meeting of the Slo-Pitch League's team managers will be Thursday, April 26, at 7:30 p.m. at 1347 El Prado.

IT IS more easy to forgive the weak who have injured us, than the powerful whom we have injured. That conduct will be continued by our fears, which commenced in our resentment.

Marion Crain Elected Head Of Area Medical Assistants

Marion Crain of Lomita was elected president of the Harbor Chapter of the Medical Assistants Association at the recent meeting.

Elected to serve with her were: Villa Burpee of Torrance, vice-president; Betty Vogel of Torrance, treasurer; Darlene Di Carlo of Manhattan Beach, corresponding secretary; and Jean Davis of Torrance, recording secretary.

Fifty-nine members were present at the election meeting. The new officers will be installed on May 8, at the Wayfarer's restaurant, Lomita.

The president will receive her gavel from Miss Wilma Laubach, president of the Los Angeles chapter.

All members of the staffs of doctors who are members of the Los Angeles county Medical

association may join the group, it was announced.

Announcement was made of the State convention which is being held at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles on April 28 and 29.

Members will be present from as far north as Yuba City and as far South as San Diego.

The Medical Assistants association offers a free employment service and sponsors an educational program in many schools. Further information or reservations for dinner may be made by calling FA. 8-2902.

Younger Set Steals Scene at Halldale PTA Style Fete

Promenading through a flower covered archway, members of Halldale Avenue PTA gave a glimpse into this year's fashions.

The fashion show was staged by the PTA under the direction of Mrs. William H. Dunston, general chairman.

Stealing the show, as traditionally it has, was the line of children's models showing everything new for boys and girls. Mrs. Wayne Vinson reported.

Acting as narrator for the style parade of home-created fashions was Mrs. Dunston. Mrs. Robert M. Sturges played mood music on the piano and Gloria Jean Sawyer danced a ballet number.

The models stepped through an arch covered with flowers on the stage which had been converted into a garden scene by Mrs. Dunston, art and crafts chairman.

Appearing in the show were 4 Girl Scouts from Troop 831 in their Easter finery: Janet Hubbard, Sheryl Stevens, Dicie Getner, and Charlie McNeese.

Others were: Sheryl, Diane, and Nancy Nutman; Mrs. Walter Nutman, Sue Harvey, Christine and Kathleen O'Bradovich; Mrs. O'Bradovich, Sandy Anshutz, Marilyn and Carolyn Shilling; and Barbara and Lynn

Dunston. Also modeling were: Mrs. Irving Caulkins, Anna Crowder, Mrs. Douglas Cowdrey, Cathy and Tim Dreher; Claudia Bowers, Mrs. Judson Bowers, Barbara Ann Bruck, Laura Robertson, Mrs. Ralph Robertson, Sheryl Brock, Susan, Roger, and Markie Condon and Mrs. Mrs. M. S. Condon.

Others were: Taimi Schimmel, Sherrel and Genell Moore, Mrs. Fred Dowe, Dianna, Peggy and Beverly Brannon; Mrs. L. B. Brannon and Joyce, Judy and Jerry Lynn Ringleberg.

Completing the musical portion of the program Halldale mothersingers sang two selections, accompanied at the piano by Lee Warf.

Ruth Adams, music teacher made an appeal for more mothersingers. Interested mothers may contact Mrs. John H. Deligne, music chairman.

Today, April 19, once again polio shots will be administered to the students of Halldale.

Harbor Chamber Honors County Supervisor Chace

Special honors for what they term "outstanding service to his district" were conferred upon County Supervisor Burton W. Chace by representatives of the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce.

At the recent meeting of the Board of Supervisors, Lew Griffiths, president of the Harbor Chambers of Commerce, and Judge Irving P. Austin, a director of the same organization, presented Chace with a lifetime membership in the organization.

In making the presentation Griffiths pointed out that Chace during his tenure of office as a Supervisor "has been responsible for an outstanding number of badly needed civic improvements in the entire harbor area."



Chairman of the County Board of Supervisors, Burton W. Chace (right), receives life membership in the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce from President Lew Griffiths while Judge Irving P. Austin (left), past president of the Chamber, looks on.

EIGHT TEAM SOFTBALL LEAGUE ANTICIPATED

An eight team softball league for Torrance this summer appears to be a certainty if early interest shown at the meeting held in the Recreation office continues. According to Elmer "Red" Moon, city athletic director.

Representatives from nine organizations were present and assisted in the establishment of rules and conditions of play for the league which is slated to get under way either on May 7 or May 14.

Games will be played on Mondays and Wednesdays in Torrance park, two games being scheduled on each of these days until August 22.

No games are scheduled for Memorial Day and July 4. Rule changes enacted at the meeting included a requirement for players to sign a registration card on or before 12 o'clock noon of the day they are to play their first game. They must have played in the second second round.

No player may be added to a team after that team has completed the playing of their fourth league game.

Pitchers to be eligible to pitch in the second round, must have pitched in at least 15 innings during the first round of play.

Team representatives at last week's meeting were: John Gilmer, Columbia Employees Recreation association; George Adams, Borders Market, Floyd Garcia, Gladding McBean and Co.; Al Nelson, Rome Cable corp.; Jerry Clemens, Torrance National Guard; Richard Lindberg Pittsburg Paints; Ace Vaughan, Alden Equipment co.; Gabby Di Santo, Longren Aeres; and Don Merrell, American Standard employees.

The second organization meeting of the group will be held at 7:30 this evening, April 19, in the Recreation office, 1347 El

be accepted and final details of league play determined.

Unattached players desiring to play may register with Moon at the Recreation office and he will pass this information on to the team managers in an effort to get them a place on the team.

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